

HOUSE BILL 1711  
By Johnson R

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 45,  
Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to pawnbrokers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 45-6-209(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (7) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(7) The right thumbprint of the pledgor, provided that if taking the right thumbprint is not possible the pawnbroker shall take a fingerprint from the left thumb or another finger and shall identify on the pawn ticket which finger has been used. A thumb or fingerprint taken pursuant to this subdivision shall be maintained by the pawnbroker for a period of five (5) years from the date of the pawn transaction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 45-6-222(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Upon preparing the affidavit, the law enforcement officer shall submit it to a magistrate as defined by § 40-1-106 who serves the officer's county or city of jurisdiction. The magistrate shall examine the affidavit and may examine the affiants under oath. The magistrate may grant the request for a subpoena to produce the thumbprint request if the magistrate finds that the affiants have presented a reasonable basis for believing that:

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.